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In re the Application of: **Fumiyasu HIRAI et al.**

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For: **ADSORBENT, ADSORBING AND REMOVING PROCESS AND ADSORBER FOR ENDOGENOUS CANNABINOID**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 11, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2002, Applicants amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) A process for adsorbing and removing endogenous cannabinoid comprising a step for contacting an adsorbent for endogenous cannabinoid comprising a water-insoluble material containing a substance whose solubility parameter δ is at most 12 $((\text{cal}/\text{cm}^3)^{1/2})$ with fluid containing endogenous cannabinoid, wherein the substance whose solubility parameter δ is at most 12 $((\text{cal}/\text{cm}^3)^{1/2})$ is at least one substance selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, poly(methacrylate ester), poly(acrylate ester), poly (vinyl chloride) polystyrene, a styrene-divinyl benzene copolymer, nylon 6, nylon 66, polytetrafluoroethylene, polysulfone and polyurethane.

Please add new claim 8 as follows:

8. (New) A process for cleansing endogenous cannabinoid from a body fluid, comprising the steps of:

providing an adsorbent for endogenous cannabinoid comprising a water-insoluble material

β_2 containing a substance whose solubility parameter δ is at most $12 ((\text{cal}/\text{cm}^3)^{1/2})$;

removing body fluid from a living body;

contacting said adsorbent with said body fluid; and

returning said body fluid to said body.

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